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WASHINGTON AND SMALL BUSINESS

AS HEARD BY HEARD

What Is Totalitarianism?

Totalitarianism is one of those 50 cent words that means a dictatorship.

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The American people generally don't like totalitarianism because they feel as long as they do not injure others, they should have freedom.

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But then there is another term which should be explained, and that is bureaucracy. The typical bureaucrat gives lip service to personal freedom, as long as it does not run in conflict with the wishes of bureaucracy, which can be quite dictatorial.

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There is probably no greater complaint received by the National Federation of Independent Business than the abuses of bureaucracy reported by independent business operators.

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A case in point was during the period when the Cost of Living Council permitted the gasoline refiners to raise their prices, but held the retailer to an arbitrarily set price.

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Some retailers decided that they would charge extra for such services as checking tires, filling the radiator, checking transmission fluid, or cleaning the glass.

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Immediately the Cost of Living Council issued a stern edict against this practice and threatened any who continued with such practice dire results from the Internal Revenue Service.

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This was claimed to be democracy in action. There is nothing in English Common Law, the United States Constitution, or even in Holy Writ, that commands that a service station operator selling gas has to clean the windshield. The fact that these services have usually been performed as a goodwill gesture does not entitle the motorist to them.

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In fact, in most of Europe, if anyone demands such services without a fee, or a tip, a very short answer can be expected.

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If the Cost of Living Council was consistent, it would have also gone back to circa 1910 and also required the butchers to throw in a half pound of liver, or a soupbone, with each purchase of meat. Or perhaps insisted that the bars again provide free lunch.

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In other words, the Cost of Living Council insisted on service station operators extending certain courtesies.

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When a bureaucracy can insist on business courtesies by edict, can dictatorship be far behind?

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Chestnut Grove

The members of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church had a Thanksgiving Service Sunday night, followed by a supper in the basement of the church.

Sunday overnight guest in the home of Mrs. Ruth Beasley were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Senger; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin and family, all of Rustburg.

Wayne Cook of Suffolk spent Friday and Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook and commuted each day to Lynchburg for National Guard Duty.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan of Andersonville enjoyed a Oyster supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris Thursday.

Mrs. Ruth Beasley was Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Kirby in Farmville.

Mrs. Dott Bryan; Mrs. Bob Bryan, and Mrs. W. T. Cook were shoppers in Lynchburg Thursday and also visiting the Clubs' adopted patient, Ernestine Warsing, at The Lynchburg Training School.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. and Kathy visited Mrs. Katherine Carson at Spout Spring Saturday night.

APPOMATTOX GARDEN CLUB

The Appomattox Garden Club will meet Monday night at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Mary Edith O'Brien.

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The Pastor Speaks

"TURKEY LEG"

This is certainly a special time of year for every American. It is a time for pause, reflection, and thanking. Thanking is something we could do more of, I think. Don't you?

When we say "thanks" we must, of course, say thanks to someone. We do not say thank you to doors, or mountains, or egg plants. Things are not the Giver, and it is the Giver we must thank.

It is good to be an American. We can thank God for the privilege and responsibility of citizenship. This season might be an excellent time for all Americans to pause and reflect and thank God that there is an America.

One particular strength of America is our governmental structure. It was devised so that we would be a people ruled by ourselves, through elected representatives. We are ruled by laws which we ourselves have written. We are a country, not relying on a political personality, but on a system of laws.

America is a country based on laws. First and foremost it is based on God's law of Love for ourselves, each other, and Him. This is the foundation and the floor of Ameria.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, November 25, 1973.

Topic: Always of Good Courage.

Scripture: 2Corinthians 4:1-5:10.

We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 5:1.

The believer may demonstrate courage in many ways. He may, as so many early Christians did and some are still doing today, as many have done in the intervening years, adhere to his faith despite punishments which included banishment, ostracism, physical cruelty, death. He may stick to a principle he believes essential despite pressures and opposition. He may witness to his faith in the face of ridicule, indifference, and violence. He may lead an uncompromising Christian life in a secular society. He may face courageously personal hardship, illness, business reverses, economic disaster, suffering and illness in the circle of family and friends, the loss of loved ones.

How can a person be courageous under any one or a combination of such circumstances? The apostle Paul gives the answer in that portion of his Second Letter to the Corinthians which provides the Scriptural background for this week's International Sunday School lesson.

First, there is complete dedication to God's service. "For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus's sake." Secondly, there is acceptance of personal weakness, that God's power may be more fully demonstrated. Thirdly, there is the confidence that the believer will experience resurrection and eternal life. Here are sources of the courage which marks the believer.

Paul knew what it was to be courageous in the face of problems which would crush the ordinary spirit: "We (whether this is an editorial we or is intended to include others who labor for the Lord is not clear, but certainly it is based on Paul's experience) are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies."

It seems contradictory to say that the acceptance of personal weakness can be a source of courage. Taken by itself, it is not. Paul puts it, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us." When a person who trusts in his own strength and power is buffeted and afflicted, the realization that he is not in himself adequate to handle the problem can be frustrating and lead to despair. The realization that one is weak and needs a greater strength and a higher power for support is reassuring and a source of courage. Physically weak people, as Paul apparently was, may have remarkable records of achievement because in their recognition of personal weakness they admit the need to call upon the infinite resources of God for strengthening and sustenance:"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

A principal feature of Paul's gospel was his unshable belief in eternal life. This belief antedated his conversion to Christianity, for it was a basic tenet in his theology as a Pharisee. One of the compelling factors in his conversion was the recognition that the person speaking to him was the risen Jesus, who he knew had died on the cross, but whom he recognized in his experience on the road to Damascus as living. To Paul this contact with the risen Jesus was incontrovertible proof of eternal life through resurrection. That Jesus was raised from the dead: "knowing that he was raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence."

Faith that eternal ... believer's future ... great courage for it ... know that the worst ... done to a person in th... not prevent him from ... into eternal life ... Given this assurance ... face the worst this ... bring with equanim... courage.

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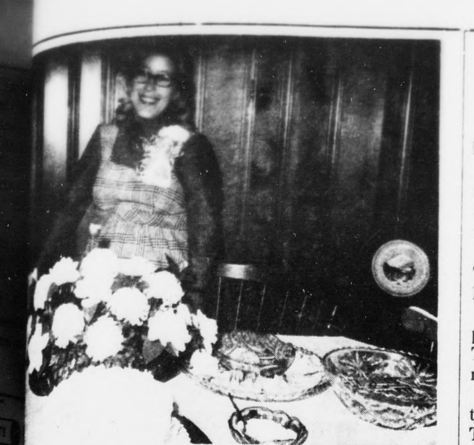

Honored With Stork Shower

...ork shower was given in the home of Mrs. Icie Gaye ... on Saturday, November 17, at 5 p.m. in honor of her ...oming blessed event.

... Pauline K. Gunter and Mrs. Judy T. Lester were ...esses for the occasion with Mrs. Brenda G. Smith in ... of the games. There were fourteen guests present.

... Lesters, formerly of West Virginia, now reside at Route ...wyn. They are the parents of two sons, Glen Edward, ...e 6; and Gregory Wade, age 4.

...an News

...Sunday morning at ... well be our regular ... services at 3:30 p.m. ... Morris and the St. ...ospel Chorus will be ... we have our annual ... Services for the late ... West.

...rget Prayer meeting ...y night following the ...y at 7:30 p.m.

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... first Sunday night at ... Community Travelers ...sboro will sing at the ... Baptist Church in a ... sponsored by the ...Zion.

...tire church community ... in extending to the ...stin family our deepest sympathy in the loss of our oldest Deacon, John H. Jones. He had been a deacon for 72 years. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2:00 p.m. by our pastor, Rev. C.L. Elliott, with burial in the church cementary.

MRS. BRIGHTWELL'S 4-H

Last week when we had 4-H we learned to make Christmas balls, scrubbies, napkin holders, molds, and flyswatter covers. We have a smooth talking president.

Last 4-H meeting we had a lot of projects to choose from.

Bruce Reed, Reporter

Need Encouragement 352-7900

Rocks

Nov. 19 - It was nice weather here a few days last week.

Rev. W. H. Elder returned home Thursday afternoon after attending the General Association in Richmond last week.

Mrs. Irene Whitehead spent Tuesday night with Cassie Baldwin.

Mrs. Strode Burks, of Kingsport, Tenn., was operated on Thursday. A very speedy recovery is wished her.

Wilson Almond was rushed to Lynchburg General Hospital Thursday afternoon late.

Rev. R. P. Welch returned home from the hospital Friday afternoon much improved. A number was out for the WMU Group I meeting at Rocks on Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond went to Lynchburg General Hospital Saturday night to see the former's brother, Wilson.

Cassie Baldwin and Irene Whitehead went to the Roanoke-Salem Clinic Wednesday for a physical check-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Martin went to Bedford Friday night to attend a Young Farmers' meeting.

A large crowd attended the Irving funeral Friday morning. He died at his home Wednesday morning. Sympathy is extended his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elder of Appomattox announce the arrival of their third child, a daughter, Audrey Dawn, born at Virginia Baptist Hospital on Nov. 13th.

Barry Elder, of Radford College, is at home for Thanksgiving holidays.

Evelyn Crain, of Bluefield College, is here to spend all next week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Crain.

The Rocks Quartet went to Red Oak Church Sunday afternoon to render special music. Rev. W. H. Elder brought a splendid sermon Sunday.

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